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In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 1998, a petition for extension of time for two months from February 5, 1999 to April 5, 1999 attached hereto, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following amendments.

Page 1, after the Title, delete "DESCRIPTION" and substitute therefor

-- Background of the Invention --.

Page 5, after line 18, add -- Summary of the Invention --.

Page 22, after line 17, add -- Brief Description of the Drawings --.